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COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Schoenwalde Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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- [redacted] 1. The following observations were made at Schoenwalde airfield between 5 and 18 May 1953:

5 May. At 11:30 p.m., a multi-engine aircraft landed at the field while the airfield lights were switched on.

6 to 9 May. There was no air activity. Three twin-engine semi-high-wing monoplanes with tail wheels and double rudder assemblies, apparently Tu-2s, were parked in the southern section of the field.

10 May. At about 11 a.m., a Po-2 took off.

11 May. Between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., individual Tu-2s circled the field for about 15 minutes. At about 10:30 a.m., 3 Tu-2s took off heading south. The planes were not observed landing at the field.

11 to 18 May. Occasionally, flights were made by a Po-2, while the airfield lights were not in operation.

18 May. Source observed from the eastern edge of the field which was not guarded that cows were grazing in the southern section of the field. The owner of the cows stated that no aircraft have been stationed at the field for about one week. However, source observed that soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets still entered and left the field.

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- [redacted] 2. On 9 May, source determined that Unit Gonchar was still quartered in full strength at the field. There was intensive activity in the quartering area. No air activity was observed. The ceiling was at an altitude of 500 meters. No aircraft were observed outside the closed hangars. Three railroad tank cars were seen on the spur track. Near the tank installation there were 5 newly raised sand hills, each 15 to 18 meters long.

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- [] b. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 15 May, there was no air activity at the field. The AA gun emplacements were still occupied. There was intensive military activity but no flying activity at the field. Heavy vehicular traffic observed []

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25X1A [] Comment. The observations made at Schoenwalde airfield on 18 May indicate that the target-tow unit left the field. In connection with previous transportation reports it is assumed that the unit was transferred to Welzow. Confirmatory information has not been received from Welzow airfield.

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